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1.a. The kaserne was occupied to capacity, mostly by young troops, between 20 and 29 December 1949. It was said that the kaserne also housed engineer troops. Truck [redacted] and ambulance [redacted] were observed. 50X1-HUM
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b. A Soviet hospital was in the agricultural school.

c. Officers who had been stationed in Perleberg once before arrived with their families from Ludwigslust (M 54/T 53) shortly before Christmas.

2. It was learned in mid-January 1950 that the Perleberg military post is serviced by the Berlin (M 54/T 46) Kech office. 50X1-HUM

3. Tanks were seen in the garages of the kaserne on 26 January 1950. Troops training with five 50-mm AT guns and four 80-mm mortars were observed in the kaserne area.

4. a. Soviet Army units with red-bordered black epaulets and black epaulets were stationed at the airfield on 27 January 1950.

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5. The kaserne was occupied to capacity on 16 February 1950. Observed troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. Three T 34 tanks [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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6. a. Kaserne

(1) Occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia, between 6 and 20 February 1950. The troops allegedly belonged to a motorized infantry unit. Some soldiers with black epaulets were observed. Twenty tanks (in garages), two 76.2-mm AT guns and 80-mm mortars were seen.

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(3) Vehicles belonging to the unit in the kaserne were stored in a shed on Lindenstrasse.

b. Airfield

(1) About 4,000 troops of various branches of service were stationed there between 6 and 20 February 1950. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets (some with tank and artillery insignia), light-red epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets were observed. Three tanks were seen in the airfield area.

(2) A fuel dump had recently been established on the western border of the airfield near the railroad track. Three containers, each about 10 meters long and 2 meters in diameter, were seen in the dump area. A tank car was standing on the spur track.

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c. Rail shipments

6 February 1950: Three officers and 80 EM, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, carrying arms and field bags, went from the Werleberg airfield to Wittenberge and boarded a train toward Stendal.

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9 February 1950: About 120 troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, carrying arms and field bags, moved from the airfield to the Perleberg railroad station and boarded a train toward Wittenberge.

11 February 1950: Four officers and about 150 MM, mostly wearing red-bordered black epaulets (some with artillery insignia) and a few wearing black-bordered red epaulets, moved from the airfield to the Perleberg railroad station and boarded a train toward Wittenberge.

d. A Soviet hospital was in the area on Layerteich. Trucks [redacted] were seen there.

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[redacted] Comment:

a. The 58th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div is stationed in the Artillery Kaserne (referred to only as kaserne) on Rudolf Breitscheidstrasse, Perleberg. It is possible that the same kaserne may also house the division's 348th Engr Bn which was previously assumed to be in the Neue Heimat Settlement, Parchim. It appears possible that, in connection with the general transfers in the 18th Gds Mecz Div billeting area, the engineer battalion may have moved from Parchim to Perleberg in the Fall of 1949.

b. According to [redacted] the above report, the Perleberg airfield seems to be heavily occupied by component units of the 18th Mecz Div. (presumably including the 1st Tank Regt of the division).

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c. The officers with dependents who arrived from Ludwigslust shortly before Christmas of 1949 presumably belonged to units that moved to Perleberg in the Fall of 1949.

d. The three shipments of officers and MM leaving Perleberg toward Wittenberge in early February 1950 were probably to go to the Soviet Union (for demobilization?).

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